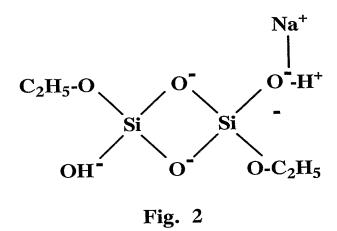
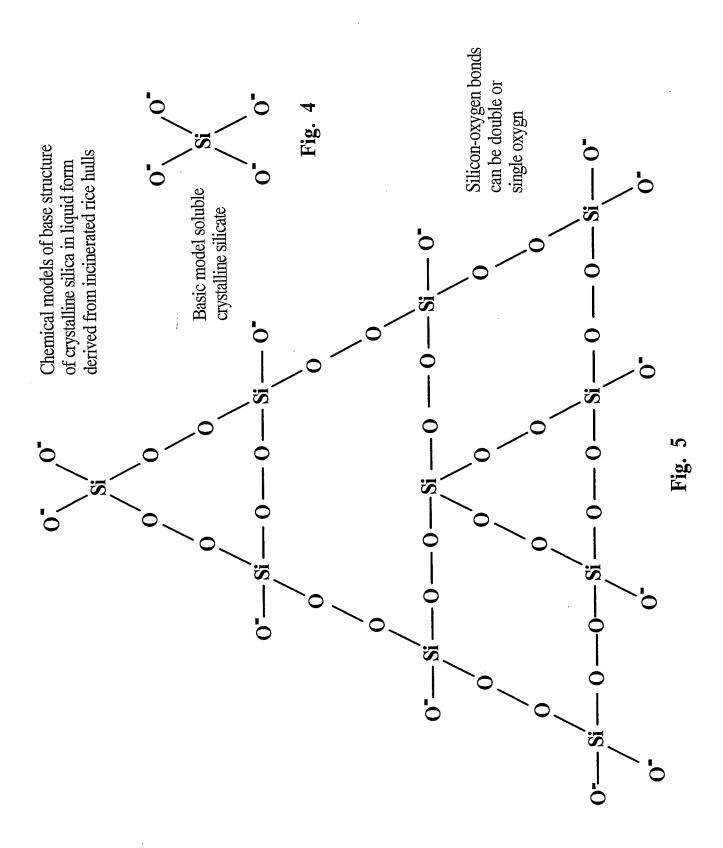
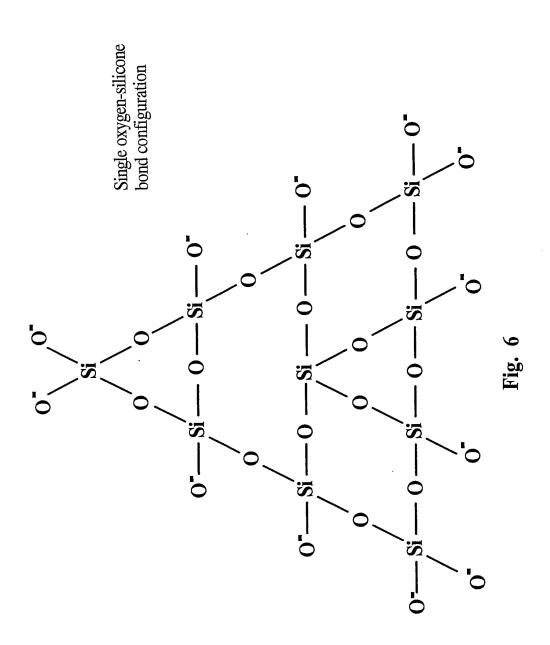
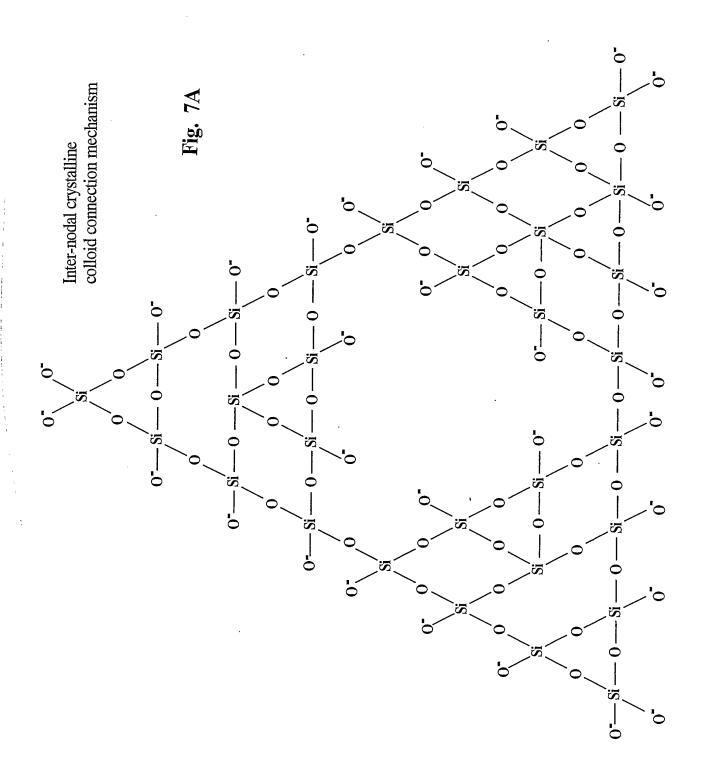


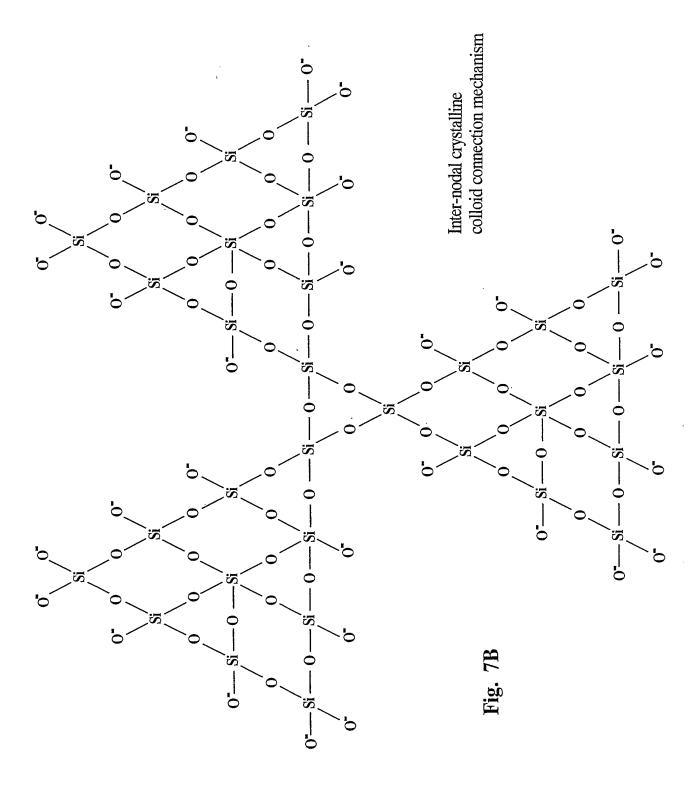
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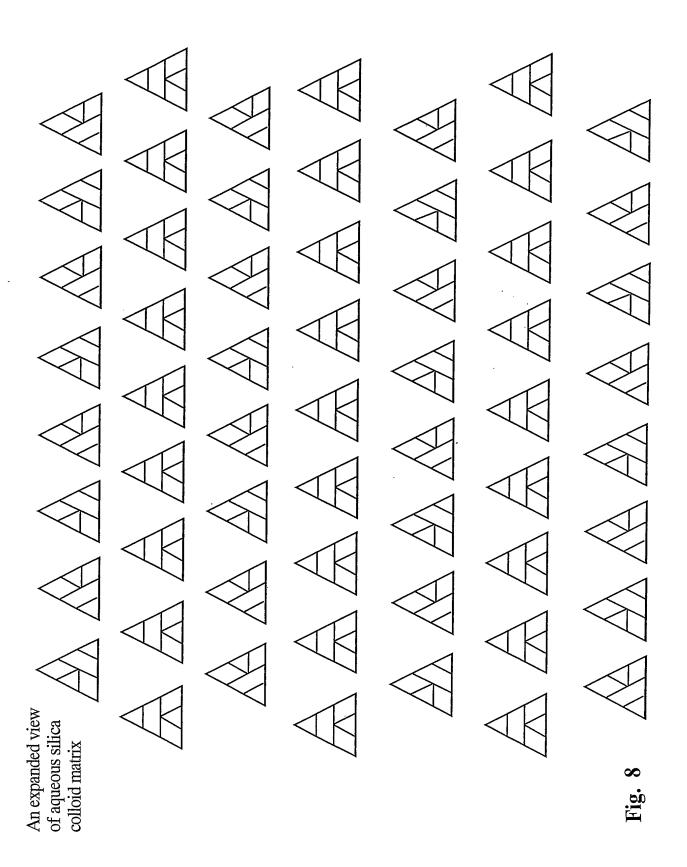








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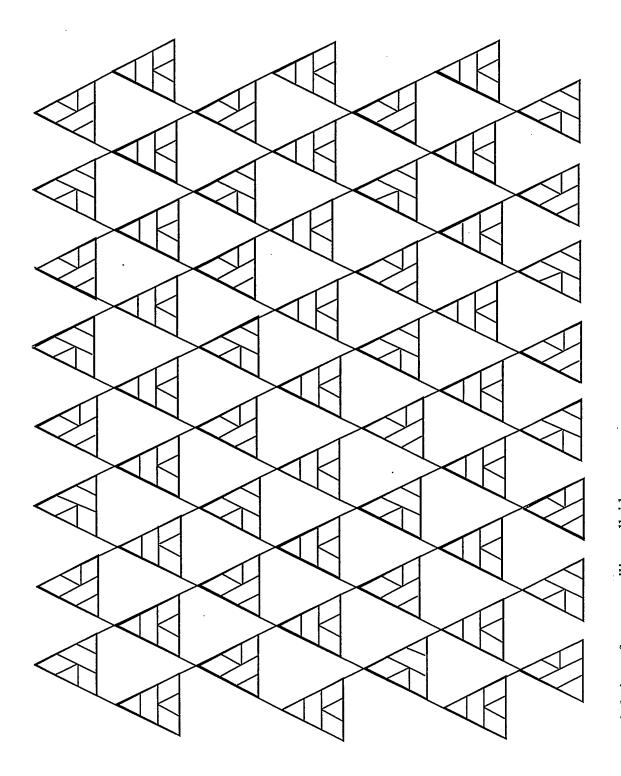


Fig. 9

An expanded view of aqueous silica colloid matrix showing inter-colloid connection points

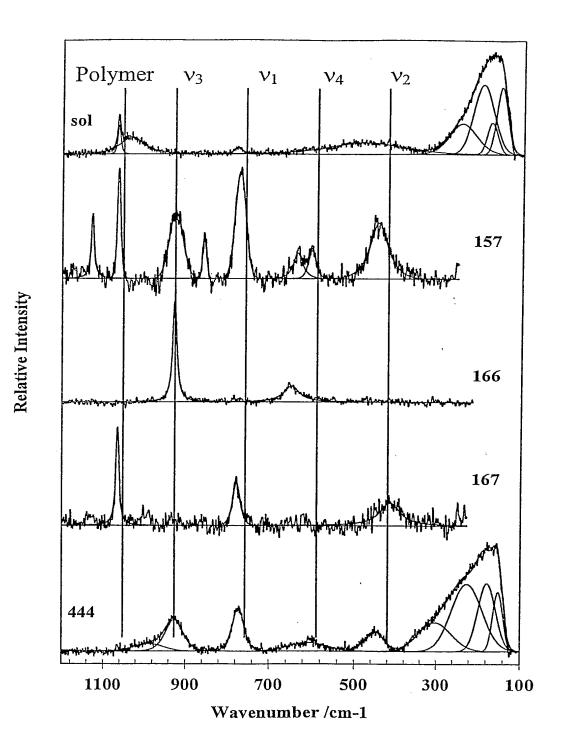


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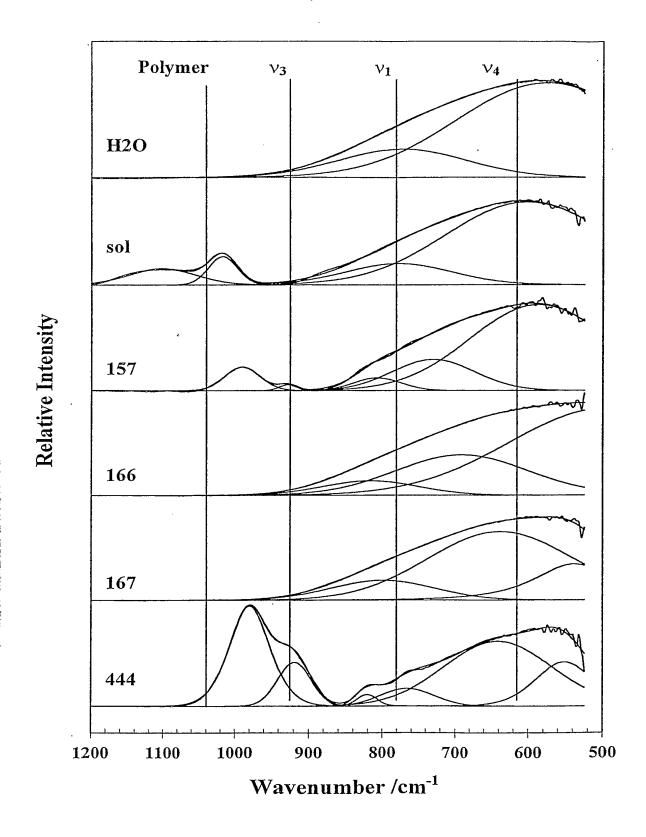
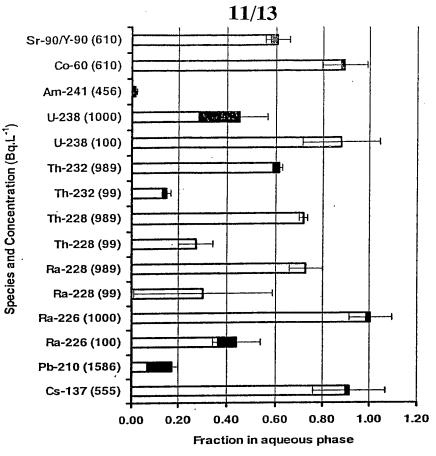
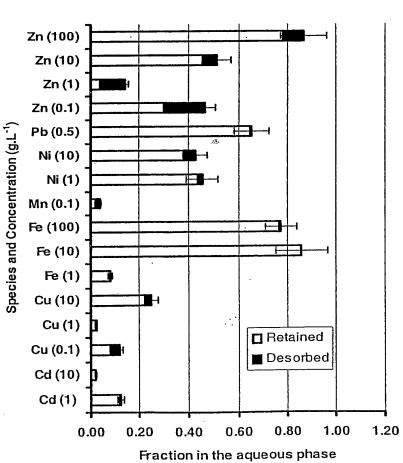


Fig. 11





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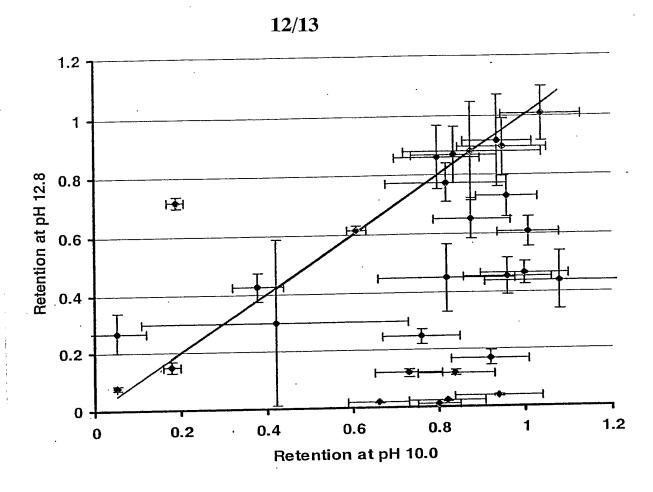


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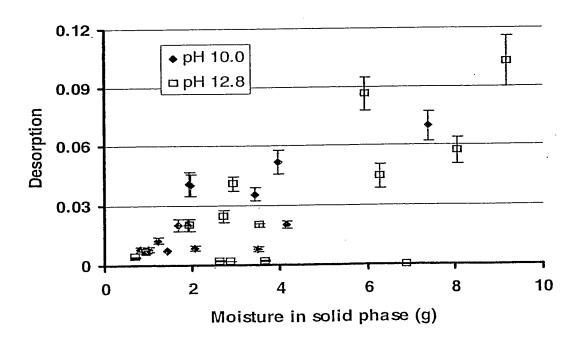


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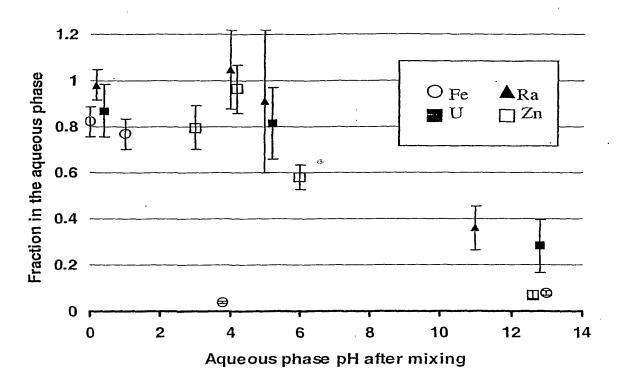


Fig. 15